GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several NGOs and Water experts have opposed the draft of the National Water policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Tarun Bharat Sangh, a Voluntary organisation had submitted their observations/suggestions on some of the provisions in the draft National Water Policy. In response to the suggestions made by them necessary clarifications were provided by the Ministry of Water Resources. The suggestions made by the NGOs were mostly on the implementation of the revised National Water Policy, which can be considered at the time of formulating the detailed guidelines on various provisions of the revised National Water Policy, after its adoption by the National water Resources Council. The draft National Water Policy provides for the main demands of NGO's such as participatory approach by involving the users and other stakeholders at an appropriate level in various aspects of planning, development and management of water resources schemes.